

FASCINATING FINDS

GLASS FLY TRAPS



Glass fly traps have been around since the early 1800's. Originally hand blown, they were later mass produced. The flies are attracted with a honey solution or other substance poured into the inner reservoir. The flies enter via the lower inverted funnel, and then because they resist the chance of flying downwards, they are trapped.

In the decades since then, glass fly traps have been replaced by sticky traps, insecticides, screening and bug-zappers.

These examples of fly traps were donated to the museum by Mrs O'Keefe.

The Agee brand hanging trap on the left dates to the 1930's, and the tabletop model on the right appears much older.

They are on display near the bottle collection in the Breezeway at the museum